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Meet Jeff Thindwa, GPSA’s New Program Manager
At the GPSA Global Partners Forum 2016, Jeff Thindwa was announced as the GPSA’s new Program Manager. During his 16 years at the World Bank, Jeff has held numerous positions in the fields of social accountability and governance, most recently as Practice Manager for Open and Collaborative Governance. His experience includes government, private sector and civil society. Read more>>>

GPSA is Seeking Nominations for a CSO Seat on Steering Committee
We would like to invite you to nominate an individual for CSO representation on the GPSA Steering Committee. S/he should work within a civil society organization (CSO) from a developing country, with a preference for opted-in countries. Nominations must be from our Global Partner network, and will be received until Thursday, July 28, 2016.

To learn more and to submit nomination(s), visit our website: http://www.thegpsa.org/sa/steering-committee-renewal.

Forum Reflections – Can Social Accountability Bridge the Chasms Between States and Citizens?
By John Gaventa, Institute of Development Studies

In his welcoming remarks at the GPSA Global Partners Forum in May 2016, Dr. Junaid Ahmad, Chief of Staff of the Office of the World Bank President, told the several hundred participants: ‘Social accountability is the bridge for building relationships between citizens and the state.’ Read More>>>

Global Partners Forum Re-cap
Since May, Global Partners Forum partners and participants have continued the discussions, and have reflected on the outcomes of the Forum and the future of the GPSA through a series of blog posts.

To re-cap the Forum, watch this 2-minute Impression Video and check out the photos.
Stories from the Field | Learning by Doing: Implementing Social Accountability in Rural Villages in the Kyrgyz Republic
Empowering citizens and public officials to engage in joint-problem solving for improved health determinants is not easy. The Development Policy Institute and the Association of Village Health Committees have partnered to do just that in 25 villages in the Kyrgyz Republic. Read More>>>

Stories from the Field | In Moldova, Engaged Citizens Raise Quality of Education
When we entered the room, it was filled with the delicious aroma of freshly-baked plăcintă, a traditional Moldovan pastry. Plus, tea was brewing! Indeed a perfect setting to welcome guests, but also just another regular gathering of the School Board of Mihai Eminescu Lyceum in the town of Hîncești, in central Moldova. Read More>>>

From the Knowledge Platform | A Start-up of Social Accountability in Myanmar
In this blog, Thiha tells us about Oxfam's experience in promoting social accountability and good governance with local CSOs in Myanmar’s Ayeyarwaddy region, and in introducing the concept of constructive engagement into a culture where fear and mistrust have been the norm for so long. Read More>>>

PAST EVENTS
Webinar: Getting the “buy in”: Fostering Political Will for Social Accountability Initiatives | June 15, 2016 | Carmen Malena, a political economist with special interests in social accountability, civil society and participatory governance, drew on case studies and first-hand experiences to share practical ideas about how to understand the different elements and key influencing factors of political will, and formulate practical strategies and tactics to nurture political will. Learn more & Watch the Recording>>>